

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Blessed St Joseph,  
Patron of the Universal Church,  
extend to all God's children the care you showed  
to the Holy Family in Nazareth  
and pray for us as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.  
Guide & protect all the people of our parish  
and make the light of Christ shine among us  
so that His Kingdom may be established in our midst.  
Amen.

### PARISH GROUPS

**Rosary Group:** Mondays after Mass  
**SVP:** meets alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm.  
**CAFOD group:** meets monthly contact Mary Kane  
**Music Group:** contact Julie Train  
**Bereavement Group:** contact Maureen Barnes  
**Guild of St Stephen (altar servers):** last Sat of the month at 9am  
**Play Group & Nursery:** contact Ann King on 671356  
**Diners' Club:** meets monthly  
**Men's Breakfast:** 1st Saturday of the month 8.30am

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** Maureen Barnes & Cath Nugent, office hours: Weds & Fri 10am-3pm  
**Gift Aid Organiser:** Angela Thompson  
**Child Protection:** Breda Helm  
**Parish Magazine:** Margaret Taylor / Tony Hayward  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat 4pm or by appointment  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** after Mass on Sundays  
**Sacrament Marriage:** By Appointment  
**Adoration:** Mondays 7.30—8.30pm & Thursdays 8—8.30pm

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

**Brownhills St Bernadette:** Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am  
**Cannock SS Mary & Thomas More:** Sat 5.15pm, Sun 8am, 10.30am  
**Hednesford Our Lady of Lourdes:** Sat 6pm, Sun 9.30am  
**Lichfield Holy Cross:** Sun 8.30am, SS Peter & Paul Sat 6pm, Sun 11am  
**Rugeley SS Joseph & Etheldreda:** Sat 7pm, Sun 11am, 6.30pm

*This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and registered as a charity.  
Number 234216 (1883)  
St Joseph's is a Fair Trade Parish*



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 5 August 2012  
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2

#### Sunday 5 August *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass & Benediction	<i>Kath Phillips</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
11.30am	Baptism	<i>Georgia &amp; Phoebe Squire</i>

#### Monday 6 August *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

6.40pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>David Parkes</i>

#### Tuesday 7 August *St Sixtus II / St Cajetan*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Aillidh Kinneard</i>
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#### Wednesday 8 August *St Dominic*

12pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
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#### Thursday 9 August *Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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#### Friday 10 August *Feast of St Lawrence*

9.15am	Morning Prayer	
9.30am	Mass	<i>Mooney family</i>

#### Saturday 11 August *St Clare*

4pm	Confessions	
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#### Sunday 12 August *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>James Shaughnessy</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Arthur Hawkesley</i>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?



### Indications for the Divine Office: Week 18 of the Year *Psalter Week 2*

Mon pp842 (+p390) & 844; Tues pp486 & 491; Weds pp496 (+p848) & 502 (+p848); Thurs pp1029 (+p390) & 1033 (+p1021 *One Martyr*); Fri pp849 (+p390) & 850 (+p1021); Sat pp527 (+p852) & 533 (+p344)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

*Those who have died recently:* Mary O'Donnell, Andrew Nicholas, Edward Haken, Doris Rose Page, Rev Ken Collins, Bernard Hession

*Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* Ronald O'Sullivan, Leslie St John Terence Bettesworth, Maud Neenan, Ivy Robinson, Arthur Milton Hawkesley, Harold Francis Myring, Bridget Philomena Clare Woolridge, Anthony Paul Twyman, Ellen Bridget Day

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

*The sick & housebound:* Gillian Atkinson, Chris Austin, Christopher Barton, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Anne Corfield, Auriel Dalley, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Jean Griffiths, Jill Gutteridge, Joshua Harley, Tracy Holland, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Hurley, Sally Ireson, Clare Kettle, Josie Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, John Magulski, Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy McGregor, Amy McKeon, Anita McLean, Diane Meddings, Paul Robert Moffat, Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Vincent Morgan, Betty Myatt, Elsie Norman, Maureen Parker, Bob Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Margaret Smith, Michael Stanley, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Trickett, Cath Twyman, Matthew Waterfield, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

**'My house shall be called a house of prayer'  
Before Mass Talk to God, during Mass Listen to God,  
after Mass Talk to each other**

## GENERAL NOTICES

**Finance:** 29 July £438.35

(gift aid: £210.68 loose: £227.67)

*Second collections*

last Sunday: Church Maintenance £205.16

this Sunday: Toilet twinning (Developing World sanitation charity)

next Sunday:

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Journey in Faith:** Monday 3 September, 7.30pm in the parish hall. For those who want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church & their sponsors. The sessions will take place fortnightly.

**CAFOD:** The Cafod group will hold their next meeting on Mon 3 Sept at 7.30pm

**Toddlers' Group:** A new toddlers' group will be starting in September on Wednesday mornings in the parish hall. 9.30 - 11.30am. All support from parents, grandparents, carers, helpers etc. is welcome

**St. Joseph's Christian Nursery** offers the highest standard of childcare and Pre-school education and is open 8.45am - 3.45pm every day of School Year. We accept all children from the age of 2 years including funded 2 year olds. NEF funding for all children available after 3rd birthday. Tel. 01543 671356 Before & After School Club available

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: Feast August 9th**

Also known as Saint Edith Stein (1891 - 1942), she was an eminent philosopher in Germany and later, a nun. Born into an observant Jewish family in Poland but an atheist by her teenage years, she was baptized into the Catholic Church on January 1, 1922 and received into the Discalced Carmelite Order as a postulant in 1934. Although she moved from Germany to the Netherlands to avoid Nazi persecution, in 1942 she was arrested and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where she died in the gas chamber. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

